

State of North Carolina Office of the Governor

For Release: **IMMEDIATE**Date: November 4, 2004

Contact: Cari Boyce
Phone: 919/733-5612

GOV. EASLEY'S STATEMENT REGARDING INCENTIVES LEGISLATION

Today, the North Carolina General Assembly passed the legislation requested by Gov. Mike Easley to allow incentives to be utilized in recruiting computer-manufacturing industries to the state.

"The measure approved today is a critical component in our efforts to secure a major computer-manufacturing operation to the Triad region. I applaud the action by the legislature to help bring 8,000 jobs to hard working North Carolina families in an area of the state hit hard by job loss due to federal trade policies. These are good jobs that bring better benefits and better skills to the transitioning Triad economy. I believe that this package will ensure that we secure this project in North Carolina."

###